



Fire Fee and Stormwater Fee Summary

The City Fire Fee is expected to generate \$188,000 for the Fire Department operations and capital. This is the same as 2 1/4 mills of taxes. With the fire fee monies, the City Fire Department can continue making improvements in the fire department so the City can keep the Class 5 rating for homeowners, and hopefully improve the rating to a Class 4.

The fire fee will allow the City to maintain certified personnel, replace fire hydrants, upgrade equipment, and make other improvements to fire services. This will help improve insurance rates for homeowners. Without the fire fee, property taxes would have to be increased by 2.25 mills. If a City property owner has a \$160,000 home, their property taxes would increase by an additional \$144.00 per year. Rather than increase taxes, the City has a fire fee. The fire fee spreads the burden of fire expenses to everyone who benefits from the fire service, including renters, non-profits and government buildings.

The new City Fire Fee will be \$7.00 per resident and the Stormwater Fee will be \$4.00 per resident. The fees will appear on monthly utility bills. All City residents who have City utilities will pay the fire fee and stormwater fee as part of their utility bill.

Churches less than 20,000 sq. ft. in size will pay a fire fee of \$7.00 per month.

Businesses and government buildings in the City over 800 square feet will pay a fire fee of \$10.00 per month, and they will pay \$12.00 per month if they are between 5,000 sq. ft. and 19,999 sq. ft. in size.



The following is the Fire Fee schedule:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Monthly Fee</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Residential Building or Unit (Up to 19,999 sq. ft. of cumulative space)	\$7.00 per month	\$84.00
Residential Building or Unit (20,000 sq. ft. of building space, or larger)	\$22.00	\$264.00
Non- residential Building (Less than 800 sq. ft.)	\$7.00	\$84.00

(continued, Fire Fee Schedule)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Monthly Fee</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Non-residential Building or unit (Larger than 800 sq. ft. but less than 5,000 sq. ft.)	\$10.00	\$120.00
Non-residential Building or unit (more than 5,000 sq. ft. but less than 19,999 sq. ft.)	\$12.00	\$144.00
Non-residential building or unit (more than 20,000 sq. ft.)	\$22.00	\$264.00
Churches of less than 20,000 sq. ft.	\$ 7.00	\$84.00
Churches more than 20,000 sq. ft.	\$22.00	\$264.00
Tier 2 properties	\$22.00	\$264.00

The City Stormwater Fee is expected to generate \$100,800 for Street Department operations and capital. This is the same as 1.2 mills of taxes. With the Stormwater Fee monies, the City Street Department can improve its storm drains and continue to comply with state environmental requirements.

The storm water fee will allow the City to replace failing storm drains and maintain equipment needed to address drainage problems. Without the storm water fee, property taxes will have to be increased by 1.2 mills. If a City property owner has a \$160,000 home, their property taxes would increase by an additional \$76 per year. Rather than increase taxes, the City has a stormwater fee. The stormwater fee spreads the burden of stormwater expenses to everyone who benefits from the stormwater services, including renters, non-profits and government buildings.

All City residents who have City utilities will pay a stormwater fee of \$4.00 per month.

Churches, businesses and government offices of less than 20,000 square feet of impermeable surface will pay a stormwater fee of \$4.00 per month. Those with more than 20,000 square feet of impermeable surface will pay more than \$4.00 per month according to the attached fee schedule.



The following is the Stormwater Fee Schedule:

<u>Customer Category</u>	<u>Monthly Fee</u>	<u>Annualized Fee</u>
Residential customers	\$4.00 per month	\$48.00
Commercial/churches/ non-profits institutional/ governmental (under 20,000 sq. ft. impervious space)	\$4.00 per month	\$48.00
Commercial/churches/ non-profits/institutional/ governmental (20,000 sq. ft. to 30,000 sq. ft. impervious surface)	\$8.00 per month	\$96.00
Commercial/churches/ non-profits/institutional/ governmental (30,000 sq. ft. to 40,000 sq. ft. impervious surface)	\$12.00 per month	\$144.00
Commercial/churches/ non-profits/institutional/ governmental (40,000 sq. ft. to 50,000 sq. ft. impervious surface)	\$16.00 per month	\$192.00
Commercial/churches/ non-profits/institutional/ governmental (50,000 sq. ft. to 100,000 sq. ft. impervious surface or more)	\$20.00 per month	\$240.00
For each additional 25,000 sq. ft. or any portion thereof for commercial/churches/ non-profits/institutional/gov't.	\$10.00 additional	\$120.00 additional per year per month

Any questions can be directed to Cochran City Hall at (478) 934-6346.

